

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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BRIEFING OF MEDIA BY POLICE OFFICERS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the police officers are given directions to brief the media on certain offences;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the effects of such briefings and interviews given by the police officials on the legal system; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (d): 'Police' and 'Public order' are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India and therefore, the State Governments are primarily responsible for standardising the system by which media can have access to the information they desire, subject to the consideration of legitimate public interest.